GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4579
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TARGET FOR DRINKING WATER DURING THE EIGHTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of target fixed by the Government for providing safe drinking water in rural areas of the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) the target achieved, State-wise particularly in Bihar;

(c) whether there have been some shortfalls in the achievement of the target;

(d) if so, whether similar target has been fixed during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to achieve that target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a) & (b) Targets under the Rural Water Supply Programme are fixed year-wise and not for the Five Year Plan as a whole. A statement showing the State-wise (including Bihar) target fixed for the coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply facilities during the Eighth Five Year Plan period on the basis of annual targets fixed in consultation with the State Governments during the period and the corresponding achievement made is at Annexure.

(c) There has been no shortfall in the overall achievement of targets during the Eighth Plan taking the country as a whole.

(d) For the Ninth Five Year Plan also targets are fixed annually as already stated.

(f) Water supply is a State subject and the schemes to provide drinking water facilities to rural areas are implemented by the State Government with the funds provided under the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP).The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The powers to plan, sanction and implement individual rural water supply schemes have been delegated to the State Governments. As such, the State Governments are requested to ensure that the targets are achieved.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4579 for reply on 22-08-2000.

Statement showing State-wise target fixed for the coverage of rural habitations with drinking water supply facilities during the Eight Five Year Plan period and the corresponding achievements.

No.	State/UT	Target (No.of rural habitations to be covered)	Achievement (No.of rural habitations covered)
1	Andhra Pradesh	10569	11073
2	Arunachal Pradesh	740	1034
3	Assam	5228	5169
4	Bihar	56206	40441
5	Goa	309	305
6	Gujrat	3936	3730
7	Haryana	4183	3577
8	Himachal Pradesh	4244	4218
9	J. & K.	1401	1192
10	Karnataka	35564	32433
11	Kerala	3287	3008
12	Madhya Pradesh	35350	54294
13	Maharashtra	16818	22086
14	Manipur	1225	983
15	Meghalaya	2925	2672
16	Mizoram	928	885

17	Nagaland	540	264
18	Orissa	22645	29290
19	Punjab	2812	2215
20	Rajasthan	16095	17047
21	Sikkim	499	432
22	Tamil Nadu	14154	15872
23	Tripura	3210	4260
24	Uttar Pradesh	52994	62670
25	West Bengal	19479	20045
26	A&N Islands	75	105
27	Chandigarh	0	0
28	D&N Haveli	60	212
29	Daman & Diu	86	51
30	Delhi	0	0
31	Lakshadweep	18	17
32	Pondicherry	134	125
	Total	315714	339705